

Response to Amendment

1. The replies filed on January 22, 2008 and January 23, 2008 are not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omissions or matters: (A) It would appear that applicant has not provided a copy of Chinese Patent No. 1143728. To date only an English translation has apparently been filed. (B) Applicant has apparently not deleted both occurrences of the expression “or so” on the last line of claim 2. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned replies appear to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard L. Chiesa whose telephone number is (571) 272-1154.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Duane S. Smith, can be reached at (571) 272-1166.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center 1700 receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1700.

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